

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 10-14, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (original) A refrigerator, comprising:

a housing surrounding at least one interior space;

a low temperature generator for cooling said interior space;

a control device for receiving a target value signal and controlling a temperature of said interior space to a target temperature represented by a target value signal, by controlling operation of said low temperature generator; and

a control element sending said target value signal to said control device with a level varying according to a prescribed course.

2. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein said prescribed course controls a monotonic fall or rise of said target temperature.

3. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein said prescribed course controls a temperature change at a constant rate on average until a final temperature is reached.

4. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein said prescribed course includes a number of steps, each with a constant level during that step.

5. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 1, which further comprises an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a final target temperature at an end of said prescribed course.

6. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 1, which further comprises an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a mean rate of change of said target temperature during said prescribed course.

7. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein said rate is between 0.5 and 3 K/h.

8. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein said rate is between 0.5 and 3 K/h.

9. (original) The refrigerator according to claim 1, which further comprises a display element for indicating that an end of said prescribed course has been achieved.

10. (new) The refrigerator according to claim 1, including at least a first and a second interior space and said low temperature generator is coupled to both of said interior spaces.

11. (new) The refrigerator according to claim 1, including at least a first and a second interior space and a heating temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces.

12. (new) The refrigerator according to claim 1, including at least a first and a second interior space and said low temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces and a heating temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces, only one of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator operationally coupled to said first and second interior spaces at one time.

13. (new) The refrigerator according to claim 12, including an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a final target temperature at an end of said prescribed course for either or both of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator.

14. (new) The refrigerator according to claim 13, including an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a mean rate of change of said target temperature during said prescribed course for either or both of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator.